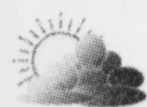


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Board votes on more fee hikes

► The mid-July decision may raise fees up to 30 percent, reduce more than 1,000 personnel

By Micah Paulson

SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly students will experience the affects of California's financial condition if the California State University Board of Trustees decides on a fee increase of up to 30 percent, and personnel reductions that could number more than 1,000.

The proposed increase would mean an additional \$157 per quarter for undergraduate students and will be decided by the board July 15 and 16, said Larry Kelley, Cal Poly's vice president of administration and finance.

The 15-member board — consisting of Gov. Gray Davis, the speaker of assembly and various business and community leaders — will decide whether to eliminate up to 486 faculty and 583 non-faculty CSU employees, of which most are temporary, on top of the increased fees, said Clara Potes-Fellow, CSU manager of media relations.

With last year's fee increase and a summer schedule that includes fewer classes some students are wondering where their money is going.

"The fees were already raised and I haven't seen much of a difference," said Eryln Bischo, business and construc-

tion management senior. "I see buildings getting improved rather than providing students with an adequate number of teachers."

The fees are being raised to pay back money California borrowed to take care of the financial crises. The loans will be paid off over the next five years, making a quick recovery improbable, Kelley said.

Cal Poly will try to provide enough classes to meet student needs and direct budget reductions to other areas, Kelley said.

Leigh Love, agribusiness senior, was a part of Associated Students Inc. last year when the fee increase was implemented and said the problem is not just the ability to service a large number of classes.

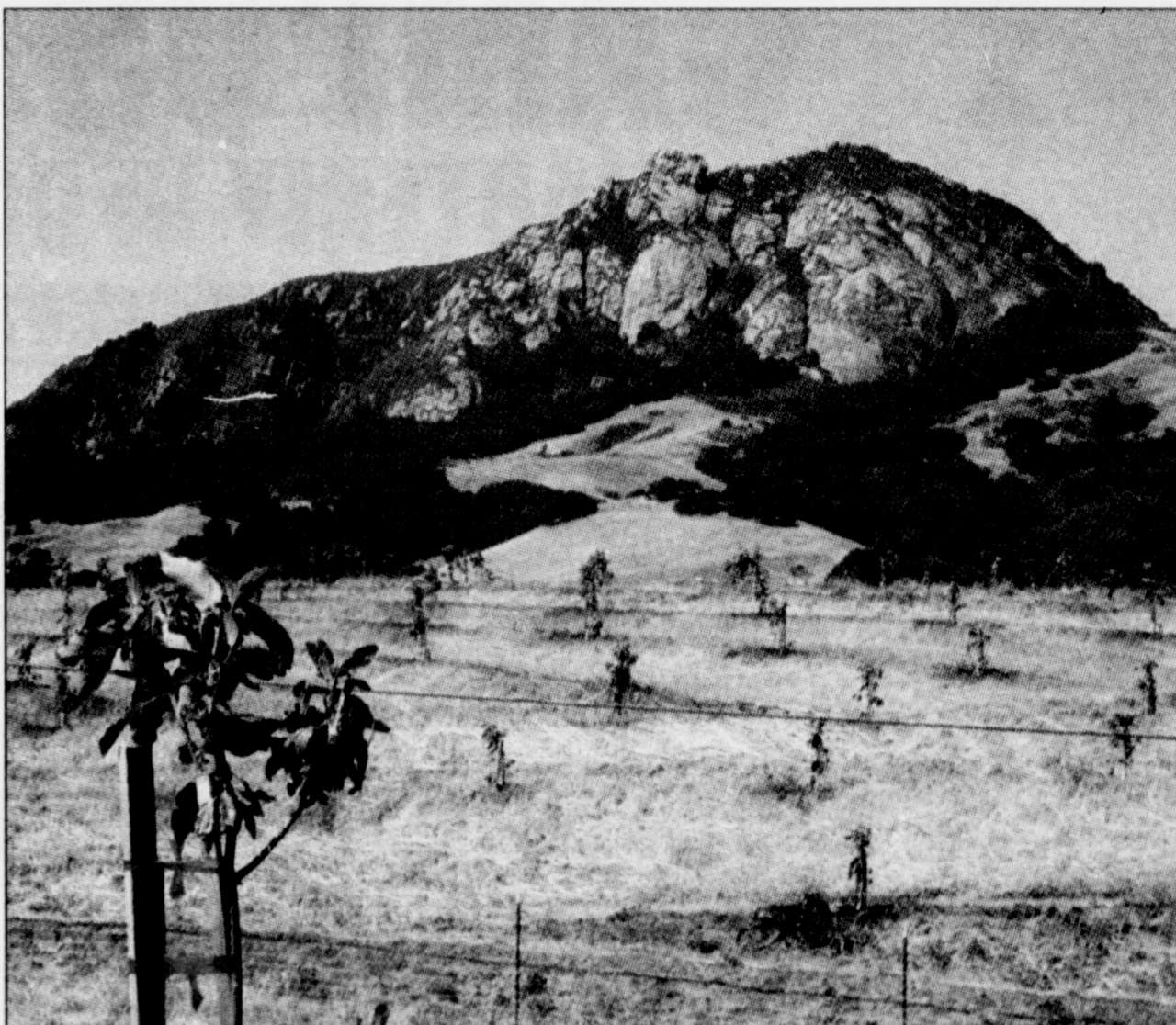
"How students are to adjust to higher fees is the central issue," Love said. "What needs to be addressed is helping the students find the money they need."

The governor's budget originally called for a 25 percent fee increase for undergraduate students and a 20 percent increase for graduate students, Charles B. Reed, CSU chancellor, has recommended it be raised to 30 percent for both groups after learning from the legislature that the budget would not be sufficient, Potes-Fellow said.

If the extra fees are adopted it will add an extra \$69.5 million to the

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Avocado orchard takes root



The new avocado orchard covers 50 acres of land on both sides of Stenner Creek. There will be 6,400 avocado trees planted in the orchard.

BRIAN KENT/
SUMMER MUSTANG

By Cathy Ayers

SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly's College of Agriculture is joining with Mission Produce to offer students another opportunity to learn by doing.

A new avocado orchard on campus will allow students to learn about avocado operation and marketing on a commercial level.

The 50-acre orchard, which will consist of 6,400 avocado trees, is located on both sides of Stenner Creek, above the campus vineyard. Workers began planting last week, said Mark Shelton, associate dean for the College of Agriculture.

"It is a great opportunity for our students to learn about the avocado industry and is a benefit to both

sides," he said.

Cal Poly will give the land and water for the orchard, while Mission Produce is providing orchard management and harvesting crews, as well as irrigation and orchard-care systems.

Chris Roads, a Cal Poly alumnus

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Architecture prof receives Rome Prize

By Genevieve Fussell

SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

The ancient streets and meandering green belts of Rome will provide a unique working environment for Joseph Ragsdale, a member of Cal Poly's landscape architecture faculty and winner of the distinguished Rome Prize.

The award is given by the American Academy in Rome and signifies achievement in the arts and humanities. Ragsdale is one of 31 winners of the 107th annual Rome Prize Competition. He will reside and work in the capital city for an 11-month fellowship, which begins this fall.

His proposal, entitled "Source and Surface," caught the attention of the academy.

"I was blown away," Ragsdale said. "It's amazing to me to think about being there and having this incredible opportunity. It's so luxurious."

After submitting his proposal last fall, Ragsdale flew to New York for a follow up interview, an invitation that truly "flabbergasted" him. The subsequent announcement of the winners further shocked Ragsdale, who is only now realizing the magnitude of his achievement.

The American Academy was established in 1894 to provide an opportunity for American scholars and artists to pursue independent study in a field of their choice. Previous winners have run the gamut from architects and writers to composers and preservationists.

Ragsdale, who has never been to Rome, will live in the city with fellow awardees at the American Academy's 11-acre complex on Rome's highest hill. He is looking forward to "soaking it all in," referring to the sights of the city as well as the distinguished company he will keep.

"To be in the company of the folks that have won is pretty awe-inspiring," he said.

He is taken by the "incredibly rich and layered city of Rome" and plans to study the relationship between the surface materials that make up the city and the sources of those



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Landscape architecture professor Joseph Ragsdale will move to Rome in the fall.

materials, including surrounding rock quarries. He anticipates studying how depleted landscapes can be regenerated by analyzing Rome and its surrounding landscape, which

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Possible cuts could kill Poly's AmeriCorps

By Susan Malanche

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly's chapter of AmeriCorps, a national community service organization, may come to a halt next year after it takes a cut in funding and member enrollment.

The United States Congress made an allocation to the National Corporation of Service that runs a number of programs. Their internal budget limits AmeriCorps money due to over-enrollment, said Stephan Lamb, co-director of Cal Poly's AmeriCorps program.

Congress had dedicated enough money for 50,000 member positions, but the over enrollment of 70,000 last year caused a deficit in the organization's budget, Lamb said. The organization's proposed solution is to cut volunteers for next year until they can stabilize again. If these reductions happen, volunteers in California would decrease from 6,000 to about 825 members and Cal Poly's program would cease to exist.

"If these cuts go through there will be no AmeriCorps in the county," Lamb said. "The established programs that are helping so many agencies will be wiped out."

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Stephan Lamb
co-director of AmeriCorps

This past year, there were 38 AmeriCorps members serving 17 agencies in the community. AmeriCorps directors said they hoped to increase enrollment to 67 members to help form partnerships at 27 identified agencies for the upcoming year.

Last year, AmeriCorps members volunteered their time giving nutritional counseling, planning educational activities at the AIDS Memorial Grove and interning at non-profit organizations such as CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates)/Voices for Children, an agency that works with neglected and abused children who are dependents of the court.

CASA/Voices for Children interns work in the educational advocacy program that identifies children's specific educational needs or learning disabilities.

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Weather Watch

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SATURDAY

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Low: 1:28 p.m. / 2.3 feet

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\$260.7 million reduction in the governor's budget.

Reed also asked the CSU campus presidents to implement a contingency plan to close the remaining financial gap by lowering enrollment growth by two percent. Since Cal Poly has already enrolled students for the fall the reductions would most likely take place in winter or spring of 2004.

AMERICORPS

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ties.

"AmeriCorps has been extremely helpful and has provided us with a lot of support," CASA/Voices for Children program assistant Christina Mendoza said. "They've helped us to serve more children that need our assistance. They will be greatly missed."

Cal Poly AmeriCorps directors are currently taking the next step to see what they can do to maintain partner-

ships with these agencies. Internships, student assistants and Student Community Services volunteers are some ways to continue helping the agencies, Lamb said.

"AmeriCorps has been able to help a number of non-profits grow and sustain their programs and now that help is gone," Lamb said. "Non-profits are struggling to figure out how to compensate for the resources we've been able to give them in the past."

AmeriCorps members continue to remain hopeful with the common goal of providing service to the agencies in the county. If these cuts go through

there is one positive thing that won't change, AmeriCorps co-director Brady Radovich said.

"Students will continue to come into our office looking for volunteer opportunities," he said.

Cal Poly's AmeriCorps directors are currently setting up meetings with local agencies to work around the organization's financial deficit.

"We're going to keep our fingers crossed," Lamb said. "If we can't bring the program back this year, we will in the future."

CAMPUS PROJECTS

QUARTERLY UPDATE SUMMER 2003

Cerro Vista

Construction on Cerro Vista, the new student housing complex is moving ahead as scheduled. The complex, located on the hill above the existing residence halls will house 800 students in 200 4-bedroom, apartment style suites. The new units have sweeping views of campus and Bishop's Peak. Occupancy is expected in September, 2003. For more housing information, visit the Housing website: <http://www.housing.calpoly.edu/> for details about the project.



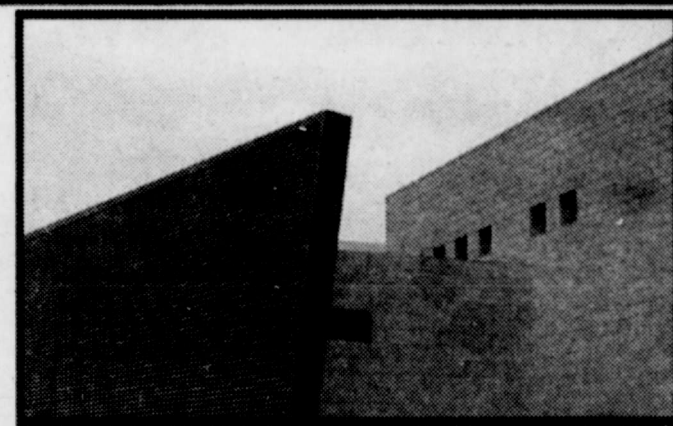
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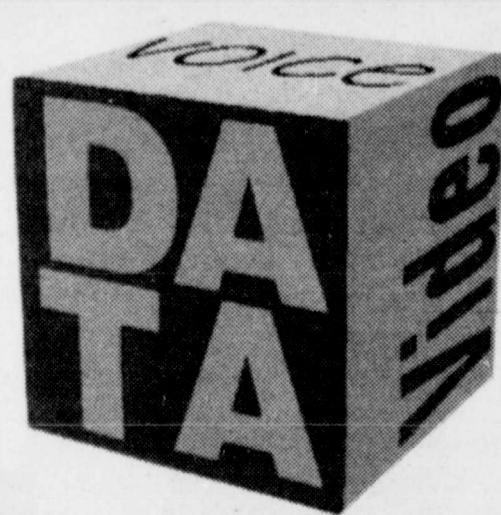
Student Housing North, the 2700 bed complex planned for the site across Poly Canyon Road from Cerro Vista student housing, is scheduled to begin construction during fall quarter, 2003. The University is seeking Board of Trustee approval to form an educational partnership with Capstone West, who will develop, finance, and construct the housing at their risk. Upon successful completion of the project and acceptance by the University, Cal Poly will acquire the housing by issuing bonds through the CSU Systemwide Revenue Bond program. This new approach is designed to move faster and at lower overall costs while providing the quality that is controlled by the specifications developed by Cal Poly. The project also benefits from the experience Capstone brings related to the development of student housing. Check the Student Housing North website for information about the project: http://www.facilities.calpoly.edu/Facilities_Planning/ then click on the Student Housing North icon at the bottom of the page.

Engineering III

Phase I of the 41,000 square foot building at the North West corner of the campus is complete. Phase II is expected to begin construction during fall quarter, 2003. Phase II will finish the interior work, exterior awnings, screens and landscaping and will add a new jet propulsion building. The facilities will house Aeronautical Engineering, Civil and Environmental Engineering, Material Engineering and Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering. The buildings, which stand next to the new Advanced Technology Lab, are expected to be fully complete and occupied for fall quarter classes, 2004.



Telecomm



Project Telecomm is well underway; the pilot phase is complete and Phase A is close to completion. Helix Electric is the General Contractor and has begun to upgrade telecommunications (voice, data and video) systems in all State owned buildings on campus. Phase A, beginning with the Alan A. Erhart Agriculture (#10) and Agricultural Engineering (#8 and 8A) buildings, began in April and is nearly complete. The pilot phase, which included Facilities and the new Crops Science building, was completed successfully and on schedule. The entire project is expected to be complete within two years. Bright orange and purple signs are being placed at building entries two to three weeks before the project is scheduled to arrive. The signs will alert users that Telecomm will soon be there. For further information, latest building schedules, photos and other information, contact the Telecomm website at <http://telecomm.calpoly.edu>.

Summer Projects

During summer quarter, annual projects are scheduled to repair and maintain campus streets, parking lots and sidewalks. Facilities takes advantage of reduced pedestrian and vehicle traffic to perform these projects during the summer quarter.

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National Briefs

Otis Elevator converts hundreds of dangerous elevator doors

PORTLAND, Maine — Otis Elevator Co. has converted hundreds of old-style elevator doors whose design has been linked to several child deaths and injuries.

The company launched a national campaign to retrofit the doors as part of a settlement reached in January with the family of an 8-year-old boy killed in 2001.

Otis Elevator officials said Wednesday the company has installed "space guards" on 300 elevator doors and received orders for about 900 more. The metal devices fill up the space between the outer and inner doors so children cannot get trapped.

An Associated Press analysis last year found that since 1976, at least nine children died after becoming trapped between the doors of old-style elevators, which were popular before the 1950s. Four of those children died since 1998.

Man found guilty of killing priest, parishioner during Mass

MINEOLA, N.Y. — A man with a history of mental illness was convicted Wednesday of opening fire with a rifle during morning Mass, killing a priest on the altar and an elderly woman praying nearby.

Prosecutors said Peter Troy, 36, entered the church on March 12, 2002, pulled a rifle from under his trench coat and fired six shots before a parishioner wrestled him to the ground

and disarmed the killer.

Troy then bolted to the church for his home, stabbing a police officer after a seven-hour standoff at his house near Our Lady of Peace Church in Lynbrook.

Prosecutors never offered a motive for the shootings. The evidence included a bright yellow spiral notebook with a beaming smiley face on the cover and a "Lynbrook Church Death List."

Troy presented his own closing argument in the case, insisting that he did not carry out the rampage. He said a neighbor in his boarding house stole his keys and wallet, purchased a rifle and trench coat, and committed the killings.

He was found guilty of attempted murder in the police stabbing and first-degree murder in the shootings that killed the Rev. Lawrence Penzes, 50, and Eileen Tosner, 73.

More than 8 million could lose overtime pay, says study by labor group

WASHINGTON — More than 8 million professionals would lose their overtime pay under a Bush administration proposal to change the types of jobs that must receive more money for extra work, says a new study by a union-supported think tank.

The analysis being released Thursday by the Economic Policy Institute is among the first to assess how many workers might be affected by the Labor Department's revisions to the overtime rules.

Businesses and labor unions agree that the current Fair Labor Standards Act regulations are confusing and

antiquated. But they disagree about how to update them.

The Labor Department estimated that under its proposal, at least 644,000 well-paid, white-collar workers would lose overtime pay for working more than 40 hours a week, while 1.3 million lower-wage workers now exempt from overtime would become eligible, or must receive a raise.

Overall, nearly 22 million workers could be affected, though specific jobs and their status could not be determined, officials said.

But EPI says the Labor Department "woefully underestimates" the changes that would occur if the proposal is implemented.

International Briefs

Hamas, Islamic Jihad and Fatah agree to three-month cease-fire, officials say

JERUSALEM — Islamic militants agreed to halt attacks on Israelis for three months. But the tenuous deal was immediately undercut by an Israeli airstrike and Hamas threats of revenge.

Ending 33 months of violence is a necessary prelude to the U.S.-backed "road map" peace plan aimed at establishing a Palestinian state by 2005.

President Bush reacted coolly to reports of a cease-fire signed by Hamas, Islamic Jihad and Yasser Arafat's Fatah. "I'll believe it when I see it," he said at a Washington news conference.

Israeli officials said Wednesday they would judge the Palestinian Authority solely on results. Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas has ruled out force to disarm the militants, fear-

ing it could lead to a civil war.

The emerging deal was shrouded in some confusion, with Hamas leaders in the Palestinian areas strenuously denying it has been finalized.

The military wings of all three groups have carried out scores of bombing and shooting attacks against Israelis, killing hundreds of people on buses, in cafes and in public places. Hamas has been the deadliest and has set the tone.

Tattoos are a new escape route for draft-dodgers in South Korea

SEOUL, South Korea — Koreans have a curse — "You should be tattooed!" — that reflects the ancient practice of using tattoos to brand thieves and slaves.

But a nationwide police search launched this month for men with tattoos has rounded up a new breed of criminals — young men who use the body art to try to evade the country's mandatory military service, crucial to its defense against communist North Korea.

About 170 men have been arrested for "willfully tampering with their bodies to avoid military duty" — a crime punishable by up to three years in prison. Although there is no law against tattoos, South Koreans consider them symbols of disgrace, often associated with gangsters. South Korea's conscription law rules men with large tattoos unfit for the military because they cause "abomination among fellow soldiers."

Before they reach 30, able-bodied men must serve for at least 26 months in South Korea's 650,000-member military, which faces the communist

North's 1.1 million troops across a heavily guarded border.

WHO lifts last SARS travel warning, calls for continued vigilance

BEIJING — The World Health Organization lifted its last SARS travel warning Tuesday, declaring the disease under control in Beijing, the hard-hit capital of the nation where the outbreak began.

Travel advisories for Toronto and Taiwan were lifted earlier.

But the WHO called for the international community to remain vigilant against the disease, which has killed more than 800 people worldwide and infected more than 8,400.

Chinese airlines, hotels and other businesses welcomed the WHO announcement, hoping for a quick economic revival after months of heavy losses as travelers avoided Beijing and other SARS-affected areas.

"Things are definitely going to improve," said Eggert Muss, executive assistant manager of the Swissotel Beijing. He said after weeks of disruption to business travel, the WHO announcement was "just what the clients wanted to hear."

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, however, still has a travel advisory in effect for Beijing and Taiwan that recommends that all but essential travel be postponed.

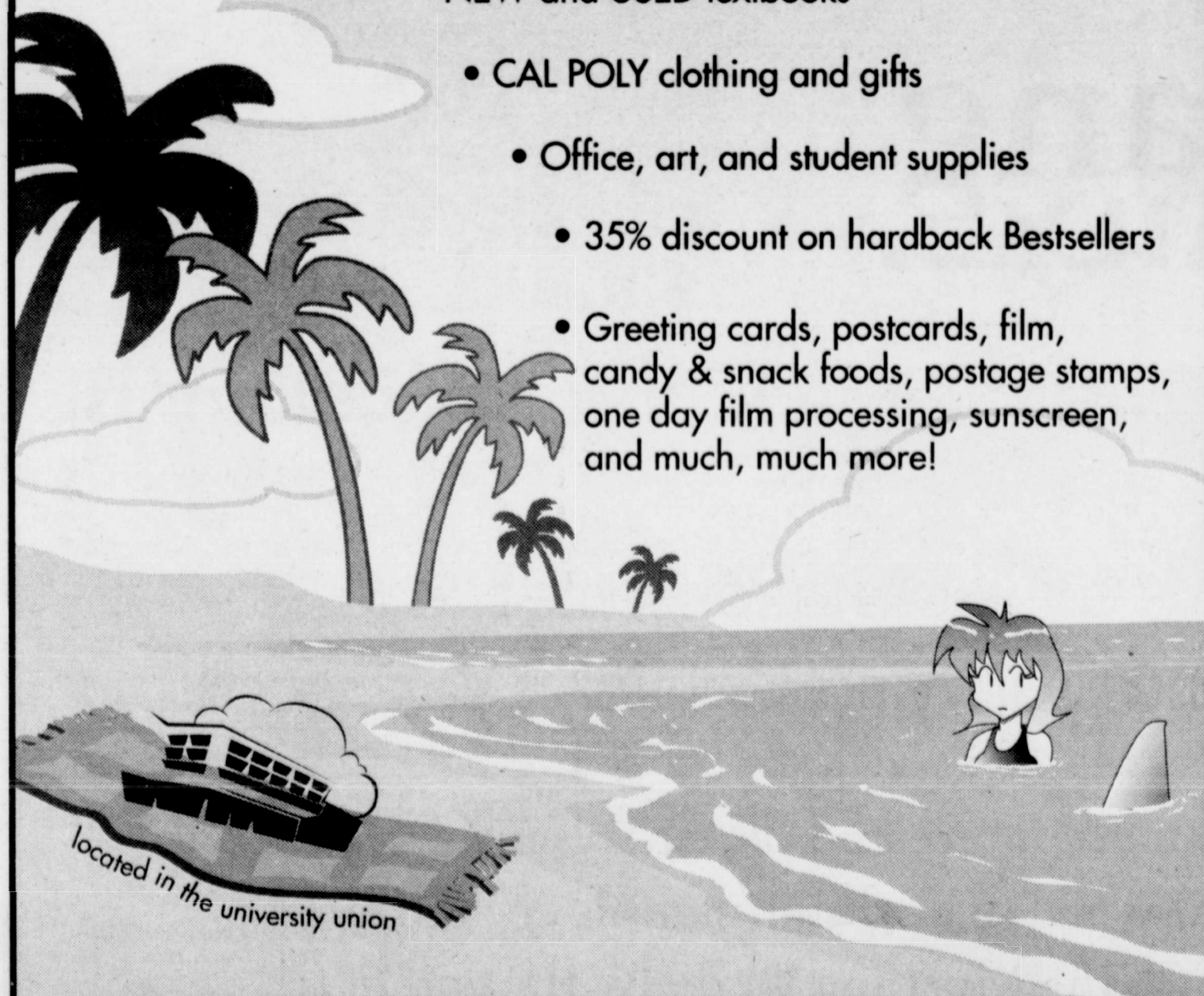
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New art hits the streets of San Luis Obispo

By Whitney Kellogg
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

A wave of deep purples and greens sweeps past the University Union every hour. It is a work of art, a landscape of peaked mountains, azure skies and floating hot air balloons that stay still for only minutes.

Then the vibrant mix of colors and forms has moved on to its next destination. This is one of the newest additions to San Luis Obispo's fine arts collection, but don't expect to find it in a museum soon. Instead, look on the side of city buses.

This month, city officials held a dedication ceremony for the second of two buses wrapped in artwork by local artist Liz Maruska. She first proposed the Art on Bus Demonstration Program over three years ago. The first bus was dedicated November 2002 and the second started carrying passengers this month.

To create the 40-foot traveling murals, Maruska painted scenes of San Luis Obispo County's rural landscape on a Mylar canvas, which was applied to the buses using heat. The first bus depicted the green peaks surrounding San Luis Obispo in bright, iridescent colors. The second bus is a rendition of the view of the city from Ferrini Open Space at Bishop Peak.

"It was the artist's idea to put the art on the bus," Austin O'Dell, city transit manager, said. "She's familiar with the open spaces in the area that some people don't know a lot about. It was a good opportunity to bring the open space to them."

The Art on Bus Program was part of Maruska's vision to make her art visible and innovative.

"I've always wanted to have people standing in line for my art now they will at the bus stop," she wrote on her Web site. "I always like to be doing something new whether it is a different place to use my art or a way to have it out where everyone is living, playing and working."

O'Dell said this specific type of artwork, a paint mural applied directly to the bus, is the first of its kind in the world. However, other cities in California and other states, like Arizona, have also created artistic transit systems. Tempe, Ariz. has several bus shelters that are works of art. Murals and sculptures on bus shelters are common in San Diego and Mountain View, Calif.

The art-covered buses in San Luis Obispo were provided by the city, but the artist took responsibility for finding local businesses sponsors to cover artwork costs. Advertising placed on the artwork also offset the cost of the program.

At first, some officials wondered if placing advertising rather than

art on the buses would be a better financial decision, O'Dell said. Once the project was underway, though, the city official and community response was, for the most part, positive.

"I noticed (the buses) right away," said recent microbiology graduate Yadi Sandoval. "I like painting and colors and the artwork makes the buses look nicer, more noticeable. Plus, it advertises whoever did it."

Bus operator Mark VanValkenburg, a Paso Robles resident, agreed.

"A lot of people like them," he said. "At just about every stop, someone says something about them."

Others, like bus operator Jon Loescher, an Arroyo Grande resident, consider the artwork a mere vehicle for advertisements and regard it as a safety hazard.



BRIAN KENT/SUMMER MUSTANG

Just because it's a bus doesn't mean it can't be beautiful. Pictured above is one of two San Luis Obispo buses that features the work of local artist Liz Maruska.

"I'd rather not have any wraps at all," he said. "It's almost like camouflage. Studies show white's the safest color."

Corrie Dolman, an architecture senior, said the artwork has not made a major impression on her.

"It's a good idea, a beautifying aspect to public transit, but the bus

schedule is what matters to me," she said.

Currently, there are no plans for additional buses featuring Maruska's artwork. The buses will remain as canvases on the roads of San Luis Obispo for the next two years.

Opps! Cover artists do it again and again

By Caroline Lindahl
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

Someone once said imitation is the highest form of flattery. But is imitation a unique creation or simply a remake of an original?

Cover songs or simply, a remake of an original song can be seen as both new and stimulating musical pieces or old and unimaginative

recyclables.

Nate Cramton, mechanical engineering senior by day, KCPR DJ by night, appreciates the creativity in a remake song.

"It pays homage to the original artist," he said.

Yet, the music industry has faced numerous lawsuits for copyright infringement and sampling from original artists. Rap in particular is

a genre susceptible to criticism about "borrowing" from old songs. "Thou shall not steal" was the decree issued by Judge Kevin Thomas Duffy in November 1991 against recording artist Biz Markie.

This decision came in response to a request by Raymond "Gilbert" O'Sullivan to have production of Markie's album "I Need A Haircut" halted and to have all copies on the

market pulled from the shelves. The Judge granted the request until it is determined whether or not the digital sampling of O'Sullivan's 1972 hit "Alone Again, Naturally" in Markie's song "Alone Again" is a copyright infringement.

However, as of 1992, no law defines what exactly constitutes infringement, leaving artists from the Dixie Chicks to Marilyn

Manson free to reinvent songs.

Some samplers argue that sampling another artist's song helps to integrate new forms of music and technology, while others claim that the sampled song conjures up the original work and increases the original author's notoriety and record sales. SLY 96.1 FM DJ Tanya

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Honing the art of bargain shopping

By Susan Malanche
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

Local garage sales and second-hand stores have proven to have something for everyone from waffle warmers to 50-cent romance novels. The time has come for students to re-establish residency in a house, apartment or dorm room. A little extra searching can help students save their cash and find everything they need to live comfortably in their new place.

By turning someone else's trash into treasure, students are certain to save money at garage sales, Goodwill and other thrift stores.

Old Mission Thrift Store on Higuera Street is just one of many economical alternatives to Pier 1 Imports or Bed Bath and Beyond.

Chairs, lamps and dish sets are some of the necessities of basic living available for less than \$12. A TV stand in good condition was marked at only \$15. Other useful items that can be found are vases,

candlestick holders and a crock-pot for all those roommate dinners.

Unlike big retail stores, the chances of finding everything on the shopping list at one location dwindle in the second-hand market. One must be willing to grab what they can find and move on to the next hand-me-down destination like Goodwill.

The Goodwill Store on Higuera Street offers a wide variety of new, used and clearance items. The best finds at this store were a \$40 futon and a 99 cent Wham! record album.

For people who are trying a new sport and don't want to spend the money on expensive sporting goods equipment, Goodwill also has a collection of \$3 golf clubs and tennis rackets. For anyone with travel plans, \$5 luggage sets were

also among the great deals at Goodwill.

Those who are cheap and desperate, might be surprised to find their next sofa or mattress on the side of the road or in front of someone's house.

stores. "Second-hand" and "thrift" are two words that imply low prices. "Antique" and "vintage" also suggest used items but at a higher price.

Decades on Higuera Street sells vintage clothing and other collectibles. Dishes, drinking glasses and lamps are items that could be useful to creating your home atmosphere. A \$10 drinking glass with Daffy Duck on it and a \$120 lamp proves that vintage isn't always a cheap route to take.

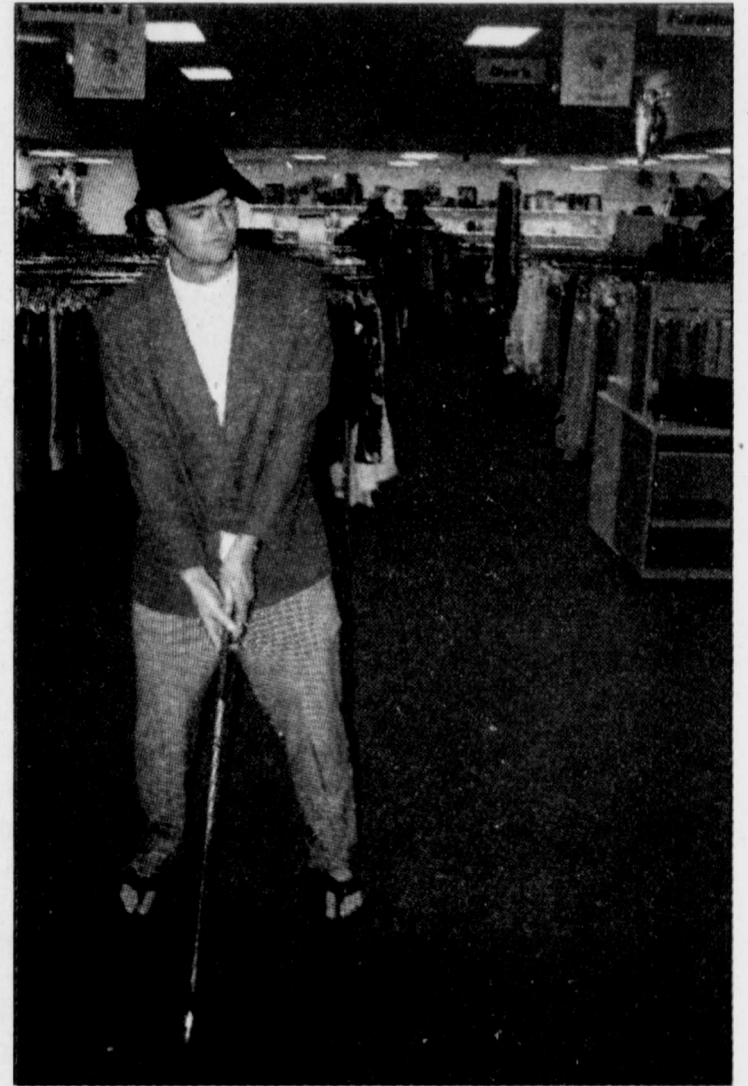
Each student's financial situation varies, so if these prices aren't low enough, one can try his or her luck bargaining at weekend garage sales.

Buying furniture can be very expensive but looking in the newspaper for moving and garage sales can save money. At one garage sale, I came across a couch, love seat and

chair with ottoman for \$150. The set was in good condition, but if you aren't so lucky to find one without beer or food stains, a slipcover will easily fix the problem.

Those who are cheap and desperate might be surprised to find their next sofa or mattress on the side of the road or in front of someone's house. Mattresses, coffee tables and sofas are desirable items that people try to give away but don't take the time to sell.

With graduating seniors leaving town and families updating living room ensembles, one is certain to find great deals around town to complete your home for the next few years.



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Erin Carroll, landscape architecture alumna, scores a hole in one during a recent shopping spree at Goodwill. He proves that just because it's cheap doesn't mean it should be worn in public.

COVER

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Bernal has seen increased air-time devoted to songs such as Alien Ant Farm's recreation of Michael Jackson's "Smooth Criminal" and the Dixie Chicks cover of Stevie Nicks' "Landslide."

"I honestly have to say that cover songs are a good thing; they are inspirational. They give a younger generation a chance to hear old songs," she said.

And for a generation who would

have a hard time identifying the Fugees' "Killing Me Softly" as a song their parents listened to by Roberta Flack, introducing our pop culture to its founders seems like a good thing.

Many teens discovered Don McLean's "American Pie" and J. Frank Wilson's "Last Kiss" when Madonna and Pearl Jam released their own versions of the song, respectively.

Although the jury is still out on the legality of re-mastering old music, at least one Supreme Court Justice defended its use: "In truth, literature, in science and in art, there are, and can be, few, if any

things, which in an abstract sense are strictly new and original throughout. Every book in literature, science, and art borrows, and must necessarily borrow, and use much which was well known and used before," said David Souter.

Clearly, the fine line between

borrowing and stealing has not been drawn. When Vanilla Ice used the main riff from David Bowie and Queen's song "Under Pressure" for his 1990 hit "Ice Ice Baby" he neglected to clear the sample or to credit Bowie or Queen on the album's liner notes. Instead, he list-

ed the song's authors as himself, Earthquake and Mr. Smooth. The copyright holders of "Under Pressure" subsequently sued him and the case was settled out of court for an undisclosed sum. Consequently, Ice earned a No. 1 hit and the suit generated free publicity for his new album.

If the courts can not determine the authenticity of a recording, then who are we to judge a song? Until a ruling is announced, the Britneys of the music industry can and will sing Joan Jett's "I Love Rock and Roll." Just look for covers of Britney Spears' songs in a few years. Oops! They did it again.

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SUVs not cause of war... but not far off

As I drive down the highway, they're practically unavoidable. Behemoth vehicles, the size and popularity of which seem to be growing exponentially, that scream past me down the road, intimidating and dwarfing their smaller counterparts.

They're SUVs or sport utility vehicles, whatever that means, and they're selling at a furious rate. While they may be menacing and scary to pass, they are by no means causing war.

This was my line of thought when I first heard the latest argument courtesy of environmental groups. Two groups, the Natural Resources Defense Council and the Detroit Project, are accusing Detroit automakers of deliberately making cars that are less fuel-efficient, thereby fueling (no pun intended) our involvement in the Middle East.

"It could take America to work in the morning without sending it to war in the afternoon," the groups purport in the latest advertisement for their anti-SUV campaign. They argue that if SUVs got 40 miles per gallon, it would allow the United States to stop importing oil from the Middle East, cutting off financial support for governments that support terrorism.

Initially, a red flag went up and I wrote this argument off as another silly, outlandish claim from people who have nothing else to do than make outlandish claims. However, I dug a little deeper and found that the claim, while a bit severe in its generalized accusation, does have a tinge of merit.

Of the 77 million barrels of oil consumed around the world daily, roughly 17 million originate in the Persian Gulf, and that number is forecasted to increase to 34 million barrels by 2020. The United States consumes 11 million barrels a day. Moreover, upwards of 60 percent of all the oil used by the United States is consumed by the

transportation sector, including cars, trucks and aircraft. Considering that SUVs, minivans and light trucks now account for nearly 50 percent of all vehicles sold in the United States, the need to create more fuel-efficient vehicles is apparent.

Just do the math, which I will forgo as crunching numbers is not my strength and it is obvious that our consumption of fuel must be curbed.

The problem is compounded by the sheer popularity of the SUV. It seems as though everyone wants an uber vehicle of their own, regardless of whether or not it guzzles gas and then guzzles some more. The fact remains that Americans want SUVs and they want them bigger and more extravagant than the next. Demand inevitably drives every market and automakers are simply responding to demand.

Instead of questioning the automakers, I question the administration that should push harder to adopt substantially stricter fuel economy standards. Tax credits for fuel-efficient cars and electric cars could also provide incentive for Americans to resist the lure of the SUV.

Edward Morse, deputy assistant secretary for energy policy at the State Department, said during the Carter and Reagan administrations, tightening fuel economy standards on SUVs could yield up to 1 million barrels of oil per day in savings over the next five to seven years.

It is obvious that fuel economy must be improved. However, singling out the SUV as the sole culprit means ignoring a myriad of other automobiles and industries that rely on fuel to run efficiently. I would like to follow these environmentalists around for a day and catalog everything they do that requires the use of some form of fuel.

Genevieve Fussell is a journalism senior and Summer Mustang staff writer.

Letter to the editor

Bicyclists illiterate, don't know English

Editor,

In response to Professor Devore, ("Rules must not be violated," June 4) I'm a cyclist who sometimes cycles in the no bike zone. Maybe I can enlighten you to our reasons for our careless reckless behavior. I could spend paragraphs explaining and analyzing each possible combination of why we would do something so incredibly bad, but because I'd rather not bore you with inconsequential details that won't convince

you anyway, I'll just give one reason... we can't read. We can't even read the signs with the picture of the bike crossed out. Oh, and we don't know English either so don't waste your breath.

I am guilty of attempting to think for myself in the past. Since June 4, (when the article was printed) I am a born-again sheep, because of the convincing arguments of Devore. I vow to never bike in the no bike zone and will now drive the 0.25 mile to school everyday because we hate cyclists and need someone to fill the parking lot.

Lindsay Koestner is a biology senior.

Gender segregation doesn't reflect the real world

The struggle for racial and gender equality in the classroom has sparked debates and even lawsuits in the last century. Now, as males' test scores drop and female students make up the majority of college graduates, it seems that males may be the group in need of special attention.

A nationwide movement claims it has the best solution to equality for both sexes: single-gender education. There are 46 U.S. public schools with some form of gender segregation and another 29 with segregation options. Students in these programs are usually separated for math, science and language arts classes, but are kept together for physical education.

It's tempting to accept programs that promise to help women and men overcome gender stereotypes and excel academically. Still, completely separating boys and girls ignores other factors that help students succeed and may make it harder for both genders to survive in a world that — surprise — is co-ed.

Those in favor of complete segregation, like the National Association for Single Sex Public Education, say boys and girls' brains are programmed differently and their learning styles make it nearly impossible for them to learn together. Single-sex classrooms break down gender stereotypes, make girls more assertive and encourage boys to enjoy subjects like reading and art, they say. Some test scores for both genders are improving.

Even so, most of the evidence that supports segregated programs is anecdotal and doesn't account for other factors, like small classes and schools, good teaching skills, parent involvement and curriculum choices that contribute to achievement. Classmates don't solely influence how well students do in school.

Still, completely separating boys and girls ignores other factors that help students succeed and may make it harder for both genders to survive in a world that — surprise — is co-ed.

For example, elementary school teachers are more likely to call on boys and praise boys' comments, according to a study in "Falling in Fairness: How America's Schools Cheat Girls." Teachers must take responsibility for treating all students fairly. If they don't succumb as often to outcries from attention-needy youngsters, all students have more chances to participate.

Plus, women and men live and work together. Unless children in single-sex education settings live outside society as adults, they might be disadvantaged in college and beyond as they try to relate to the opposite sex. Yes, males and females do think and act differently, but the world functions best when the strengths of both genders are combined. Test scores may improve with separation, but the social consequences of academic excellence aren't worth it in the long run.

What's more, U.S. schools would

never accept separating children based on ethnicity, though each culture has its own unique set of customs and may have an ideal learning setting. Racial segregation in public schools was abolished in 1954 with Brown v. Board of Education on the basis that separate is inherently unequal.

It seems that gender segregation would be illegal too, but that's not the case. According to an exception to Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, single-sex educational facilities are okay in public schools, as long as both sexes have comparable courses, services and facilities. President Bush's No Child Left Behind Act, signed in January 2002, confirmed the legality of the issue.

Single-sex education is gaining credibility and is legal, but it isn't the best solution to the education problems of the country. Treating students fairly, reducing class sizes and involving parents is a better way to teach students that doesn't shelter them from the reality of a co-ed society.

Whitney Kellogg is a journalism senior and Summer Mustang staff writer.

Media steps over line in church scandals

With all of the negative attention the Catholic Church has received in lieu of an enormous number of sexual abuse convictions, you would think that the public had heard it all. That is until last week, when a Phoenix bishop was charged for leaving the scene of a fatal accident.

When did church officials become such important public figures and where does the public's need to know end? Does every crime or scandal really need to be publicized, or is it for the sake of sensationalism at this point? Although I agree that the initial cases of sexual abuse by priests was newsworthy and important for the public to know, there is a line, and I think that the media has crossed it.

Scandals in the Catholic church have been over-dramatized at this point. Yes, we know it happens and we are aware that church officials are not perfect. However, there are many other scandals that happen elsewhere, such as in schools, and in the workplace that have received much less attention than those in the Catholic church. Along the same lines, the

church has received little positive attention since the beginning of the sexual abuse publicity.

If church officials were considered public figures before the controversy, then I would have no problem listening to the abundance of news regarding every scandal that has taken place. If the media is going to consider them public figures as a result of the scandals, then they must focus their attention on every aspect of their lives, not just isolated, sensational incidents.

If the driver in a fatal hit and run had worked in a comparable position, chances are, it would not be a national news story. A school principal or an executive of a company may have made the front page of a local paper, but not a national one.

Ironically, in the case of the bishop's hit and run, there were two vehicles that hit a pedestrian and then left the scene. Although witnesses were able to identify one vehicle as the bishop's, authorities had no information about the second vehicle.

The bishop involved in the hit and run had reached a deal with Maricopa County just weeks before to avoid

indictment on charges that he failed to report sexual misconduct by priests that he had placed. So maybe this man is just a criminal. If he has committed other crimes in the recent past, it should not be unexpected that he commits future crimes.

Maybe this story deserves a little blurb in the summary section of a national newspaper, but it is not newsworthy enough to gather the national attention it has. The bishop should not be considered a public figure, he is, just another man. Although he is an official in the Catholic church, the public would not have considered him a public figure until recently. Yes, it is shocking to see that a person who represents a religious group has committed such crimes, but what have we really learned from this story that we couldn't live without knowing? Not a whole lot. The media needs to remember where news ends and entertainment begins.

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and Mission Produce employee, has been working on the development of the campus orchard. He said Mission Produce has already hired two student interns.

Mission Produce is a privately owned company, with annual sales of approximately \$130 million per year. Cal Poly will receive proceeds from the avocado sales at the end of each season, Shelton said. However, the orchard will not be ready to harvest for at least three years, he said.

Mission Produce has been preparing the land for planting for almost a year, Roads said.

According to the Web site, Cal Poly's agriculture program, the fourth largest in the nation, is an excellent showcase for the avocado orchard. In addition to a large agriculture program, the climate on the central coast is also ideal for an orchard, as avocados thrive between Mexico and the Cuesta grade.

"Since Cal Poly is unable to produce on the same scale as Mission, we could not provide students with this same experience through state funds," Shelton said.

RAGSDALE

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dates back more than 2,500 years.

Ragsdale said he hopes to use the award and his experience in Rome as a "spring board" for further studies. He plans to continue teaching at Cal Poly as a tenure track professor and is intent on integrating his experience into the classroom when he returns.

For Dale Sutliff, the department head of landscape architecture, Ragsdale is an invaluable member of the faculty, whose interests "dovetail" with those of the department, noting Ragsdale's current research focusing on the reconstruction of damaged sites. He anticipates Ragsdale's return to Cal Poly, where he will assume a "lead role" in educating students who represent the future of landscape architecture.

"We hired him almost two years ago because we saw his great capabilities and potential and he's proven the case since he's been here," he said. "He's very astute and malleable in terms of working with the students. He's the kind of guy who steps in and goes to work."

Sutliff views the Rome Prize as the most prestigious award in the arts and humanities. The award for supports both highly accomplished professionals, as well as those "on the upswing" in their respective fields, he said.

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Dale Sutliff

Landscape architecture department head

"Over the years, the people that win are noted practitioners from lofty institutions like Harvard and Berkeley," Sutliff said. "So, it's a real coup for both him and the college, but I'm not surprised."

Although Ragsdale admits he "stumbled into" his profession as an undergraduate at University of California at Berkeley, he is obviously passionate about what he does. He earned his master's in landscape architecture from the University of Virginia, where he taught before returning to California and resuming his teaching career at Cal Poly in January 2002. His professional work has included involvement in the site landscape at the Getty Center in Los Angeles and San Francisco's PacBell Park.

Ragsdale's wife and their two-year-old daughter will accompany him to Italy this fall.

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Wearing the green jersey, 13-year-old Desiree Domingues scrimmages with other girls at the Cal Poly women's basketball camp in Mott Gym. The campers' ages ranged from 10 years old to seniors in high school. The camp ends today.

College players get Blues over summer

By Jessica Hoffman

SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

The Blues are back in San Luis Obispo.

No, not the blues featuring lost loves and wailing guitars, but the summer baseball team.

As a member of the California Coastal Collegiate League, the team includes college players from all over the country and some of Cal Poly and Cuesta's best players. The six-team league also includes the Monterey Wolfpack and Blues' rivals, the Santa Barbara Foresters.

Tim Golden, owner and general manager of the Blues, said the team gives college players the opportunity to play in a professional setting.

"The guys use the team to get better," Golden said. "It gives them the opportunity to play and show what they have to offer to college and professional coaches who watch the games."

Although the league gives collegiate athletes exposure to a professional atmosphere, a line is drawn so nothing can be misconstrued as an incentive or bribery.

"It's dangerous to use the term 'semi-professional' because any abuse such as even us buying them dinner can jeopardize their amateur status with a college team," Golden said. "We give them hot dogs after the games, but maybe we shouldn't even be doing that. We just want to take care of our boys."

While some players see the Blues as one more mile on the road to Major League Baseball, many players use the exposure of the team to be recruited from junior colleges to universities. First baseman Chris Webber has just finished his second year at Cuesta College and said he hopes to be noticed by a university while playing for the Blues.

"I'm moving onto a state college next year and the Blues are a great stepping stone for me," he said. "You're hoping as a junior col-

lege) player in the summer league to get exposure."

The summer season culminates to the World Series in Wichita, Kan.

"We finished third in the country last year in Wichita, this year I expect to go back to Wichita and do even better," Golden said. "The Coastal League is one of the best leagues in the United States."

The team has played more than 20 games so far this season and won over half of those.

"We have a really good team, but not everyone is playing their best right now, but we are going to pick up," Webber said. "The hitting is contagious, the better everyone plays, it catches on."

Jarek Krukow, assistant coach for the Blues, agrees.

"We've got a great core of guys and we're just going to get better this summer," Krukow said.

Within the team, Golden adds, there are a few players that add a certain twist to the game. Adam Moore, for instance, a catcher from Northeast Texas Community College, has been drafted in the 28th round by the Dodgers. He can throw a ball from home plate to second base in 1.9 seconds and hit a .380 this year.

"That kid throws the crap out of a ball," Krukow said.

Fellow Texan and teammate, Zach Duncan, is one of the Blues most promising pitchers.

"(Duncan) throws a fastball, curve, slider and a change-up," Krukow said. "He's a typical Texas tough guy and isn't afraid of hitting anybody."

The Blues play at the San Luis Obispo Baseball Stadium in Sinsheimer Park off Southwood Drive in San Luis Obispo. For a game schedule, roster and contact information, visit www.bluesbaseball.com.

Poly cross country team gets new head coach

► Former Olympic contender aims to bring team to NCAA top spot

By Nadea Mina

SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly cross country assistant coach, Mark Conover, received some great news earlier this month when it was announced he will be the new head coach for both the men's and women's cross country teams.

Conover, a Cal Poly alumnus, is in his seventh year coaching for Cal Poly. He was on many triathlon teams and also on a team that competed for an Olympic spot.

"I believe this promotion is nice and it validates what I have been doing at Poly for the past seven years," Conover said.

Former head coach Terry Crawford said Conover's promotion is a step in the right direction for the team.

"This change is the result of the hard work and impact that Mark has had with the cross country program," Crawford said in a press release. "It's great to reward his efforts and know that the teams will continue to compete at a national

level."

Crawford will still remain as the director for track and field, Conover said.

Rachael Lange, kinesiology senior, is a member of the cross country team.

"I think it is a good idea to have Mark as head coach because he has more experience with distance running," Lange said. "I mean he has tried out to be in the Olympics, he has what it takes."

Ryan Moorcroft, graphic communication senior, is one of the runners Conover has impacted. He said he respected anyone who devoted their time to cross country like Conover and that a long distance coach is the right one for the job.

"I think (Crawford's) decision about stepping down was wise," Moorcroft said. "It gives her less stress and more time to worry about being a sprinting coach and working hard with the track team."

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Conover said he hopes his team will bring more Big West titles to Cal Poly.

In 1988, Conover was the US Olympic Trials champion in the marathon, which he said lends him some extra credibility with the runners.

"On the guy's side, we will continue with the momentum and by winning the conference and being in the top 25 of all NCAA teams," Conover said. "I believe we have some potential."

To do this, the team has recruited Phillip Reed, a top high school runner, and top junior college runner Mario Macias, Conover said.

Moorcroft said it is up to the team to win meets.

"Our team has great guys who are awesome runners," Moorcroft said. "We have more experience now and we have lots of potential to compete nationally."

Mark Conover
new cross country head coach



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Cal Poly cross country assistant coach Mark Conover was recently promoted to the team's head coach. Conover is a Cal Poly alumnus.